

*Sunday, January 10, 2021*  
*Baptism of the Lord*

‡ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ‡

Mon. Jan. 11	No Mass	
Tue. Jan. 12	6:30PM	(at Lawrenceville)
<b>Wed. Jan. 13</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Bodenberg family</b>
Thu. Jan. 14	6:30PM	(at Wendelin)
<b>Sat. Jan. 16</b>	4:00PM	(at Wendelin)
	<b>5:00PM</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Sun. Jan. 17</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Barbara Weiler</b>
		<b>Lewis;</b>
		<b>Ralph Zwilling</b>
	8:00am	(at Stringtown)
	10:00am	(at Wendelin)
	10:00am	(at Lawrenceville)

**OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS**

Bulletins: Dale and Mary Jane Tibbs  
Missalettes: Mike and Lori Uhl

**OUR TITHES FOR JANUARY 3**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$8,107.25 (87) Outreach: \$35  
Guatemala: \$175 (12) Christmas: \$5,915 (19)  
First Offering: \$185 (25) Solemnity: \$620 (15)  
Flowers: \$100 (1) For the Needy: \$5 (1)

**KEEP CONNECTED** with the church and receive important messages and updates via text and email. Sign up for Flocknote by texting **stjoeholycross** to **84576** to get connected.

~ *Kudos* ~

\* To newly baptized *Carlie Rose VanBlaricum* and *Brooklyn Kay VanBlaricum*, children of Brandon and Sallie (Sharp) VanBlaricum.

\* **AROUND OUR PARISHES** \*

**Wednesday, January 13**

• Bulletin deadline, 3:00 PM. Write, type or email all announcements.

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

**Wednesday, January 13**

- School Mass, 8:00 AM (Grades 5 & 6 attend)

\* SJS will hold our annual alumni mass Wednesday, February 3, during Catholic Schools Week. We love having our collective children see alumni from any Catholic School or University in the nation. Due to restrictions on the number of people who can be in the church, it is especially imperative that alumni sign-up for mass. Two ways to sign-up:

1. Complete the form on this google link: <https://forms.gle/jkXRwehKktpWMD4f6>
2. Call the school office (395-3081).

\* At this time, the school is not able to allow visitors to the office in order to reduce exposure to students and staff. If you need anything from the school office, simply use the buzzer. A staff member will help you outside.

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

Please turn in all sold and unsold calendars. The drawing begins Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

**Let Us Pray For:** Clara Rose Wilson.

*Please call or email the Parish Office to add your name to the Prayer List. Unless notified to extend, the listing in the bulletin will be for four weeks.*

**FROM FR. MARK:** Today the church commemorates THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing

Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**

+ **J.O.Y.S.**+

**Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

We continue the journey into this New Year that is filled with Hope, Joy, Peace and Love. It is up to each one of us to spread that Light of Christ. Our Gospel today, reverberates the ongoing message with the words- we should all long to hear from our Lord's mouth ... *with you I am well pleased!* Do you live (really) a life that would merit these words? Take a moment and reflect upon how you treat other people- respond to others-spend your time-etc.? How much time

are you spending with God? Are you caught up in the drama and fear of this world? Take a new step- seek a fresh outlook- Begin again- and start your day living a life pleasing to God. Spread the Hope, Joy, Peace and Love in everything you do! Smile- Welcome- Invite- Forgive- Pray- Pray- Pray! Journey onward and Shine with the Light and Love of Jesus! *Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us! J.O.Y.S*

**The Parish and Family Life Committee** is sponsoring a "Valentine's Day Card and Cake" project for ALL the residents of our local Long-Term Care Facilities. We will be collecting Valentine's cards, homemade hearts or posters along with boxes of Little Debbie snack cakes from parish members and St. Joseph school students from now until **Wednesday, February 10**. Cards, posters and snack cakes will be delivered to all the facilities prior to Valentine's Day. The Covid 19 quarantine and restrictions continue to be hard on all of us but especially hard on the elderly in the Long-Term Care facilities. They feel isolated, confused, and sad. Let's continue to do our part to spread some cheer and let them know that they are not forgotten and are still very much loved. Valentine Cards (bought or homemade, homemade hearts or posters for their doors and Little Debbie snack cakes (any flavor) will be collected. They will appreciate any card or message. Donations can be dropped off at the front doors of St. Joseph Church in Olney or to Sondra Geiger at Blank's Insurance Agency on 515 S Whittle Ave. If you have questions or would prefer your items to be picked up, please call Sondra Geiger (618-843-8532). Let us remember: 1 Corinthians 13:13 "**And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.**"

**Deepest sympathy** to the family of Dr. Stephen E. Reid, Jr. May he rest in the peace of God's love.

“The family of Loren J. Geiger would like to thank everyone who reached out to us during our family’s recent loss. Huge thank you to all the parish members for all the phone calls, cards, food, gift cards, flowers and memorials. We are so very grateful for everyone’s support. Thank you to Stephen Patterson and the staff at Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes, and the ladies of the funeral committee who provided us with a care package meal. We appreciate all your support and kindness during our difficult time.”

“I ask you to convey on behalf of the community of San José Obrero, El Rancho our gratitude to the sister parish of San José and also to all the brothers and sisters of the diocese, our gratitude for their prayers and effective support. We know that this time has not been easy for you, but it has been the time when we have felt more united and accompanied by the good Lord. Thank you for your service. Best regards.”

- From Father Walver Guerra Orellana,  
Parish Priest - San José Obrero, El Rancho

**St. Joseph-Olney is now accepting mass intentions through March 31, 2021.** With the mass schedule spread across the three parishes of our partnership, it is important that we follow Canon Law and Diocesan Policy concerning mass intentions: Only one intention (person) per Mass is allowed. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the parishioners, we will adhere to the following: Up to three first names with the same last name (i.e., John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e., Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention. We can accept up to three Mass offerings per mass.

**Racial Harmony Prayer Service:** You are invited to attend a special Ecumenical Prayer Service for racial harmony in connection with observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The service will be held at the

Cathedral on Sunday, January 17 at 2:00 PM. Bishop Michael McGovern will deliver the sermon. Since seating will be limited, please contact St. Augustine of Hippo Church at 618-274-0655 to reserve a seat. This event is being sponsored by the Diocesan Racial Justice and Equity initiative.

**God Shows No Partiality.** Saint Peter speaks the truth. God is impartial. For everyone who acts uprightly is acceptable. Everyone. Politics may be partisan at times, but Christians can never be. Indeed, Baptism makes us all alike – with differing gifts and charisms – but all in the image of Christ whose name we bear. God says to us as well: “I am well pleased.”

\* Because of Baptism, how will I cherish even those not like me?

\* What will I do today to bear the image of Christ?

\* To whom will I say, because of this \_\_\_\_\_, I am well pleased?

**Respect Life Corner- “Thus says the Lord; all you are thirsty, come to the water.”** In Isaiah 55, Reading One, we receive an invitation to receive the fullness of God’s love that He has for each one of us. God asks for one thing: for us to listen to Him. “Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life.” The invitation to come to the water represents the fullness of life that God promises. The water also represents the water of baptism that frees us from original sin. Once things return to normal, we will be able to make the sign of the Cross again with Holy water that symbolizes our own baptism.

**Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** We must understand that God’s ways are not our ways. Listening to Him requires us to prayerfully suspend our human expectations. Through prayer we must discern the seeds that He is planting in the world for us. Those who pray and listen to Him will see the seeds grow and blossom.

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~ **Mission Statement** ~

St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Using the individual gifts we have been given by God, we minister to ourselves and others through prayer, support, and service. We nurture our inherited faith life and through the power of the Spirit pass it to future generations.

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~ **Sacraments** ~

Baptism: Infant or adult, please contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM or contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Call no later than 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.



~ **Welcome, New Parishioners** ~

Please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (392-8181) to receive a new member packet.  
(If you are not receiving church offering envelopes, you are not properly registered.)

~ **St. Joseph School** ~

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